

TASER USE OF FORCE

On April 6, 2001 at approximately 10:15 a.m., R/O Escorted Officer Beth Brown to Patricia Buckey's residence on Perry's Den Road, Cumberland, Ohio 43732 after receiving a positive drug screen from the lab.

Upon arriving at the residence, officers had to park 50-60 yards from the residence. Upon walking approximately halfway to the residence, a very large dog (brown, approximately 80-90 lbs.) ran from the porch area and charged the officers. We were caught in the open with no option of cover.

The dog, with its teeth showing, attempted to bite Officer Brown. Officer Brown attempted to spray the attacking dog with O.C. Spray. The O.C. Spray had little or no effect.

With the dog still attempting to bite Officer Brown, R/O drew the M-26 Taser as the last resort before using deadly force to kill the dog.

Upon shooting the dog from a distance of approximately eight (8) feet, the dog was immediately incapacitated and fell to the ground. After the five (5) second cycle was completed, several seconds later the dog ran off, which caused the wires to be pulled from the unit.

Officers then proceeded to the residence and no one answered the door.

A short time later, after returning to the Courthouse, the offender called her probation officer and advised that she passed the officers when she was returning home. Officer Brown advised the offender of the taser incident and was advised to remove the taser probes from her dog.

The offender was also ordered to report to Officer Brown at 1:00 p.m. in reference to the positive drug test. Upon offender's arrival she advised officers that she located her dog and removed the probes. (See arrest report)

*Tim Oliver*